

# Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022



## 1 CHRONICLES

*A Living History Of God's Faithfulness*

Week 3

### The Ark and God's Blessing

(Chapters 13-16)

**Big Idea of the Message:** The book of 1 Chronicles was written, in part, to highlight Israel's leadership and the positive ways that they served God.

**Application Point:** Beyond just ritual, 1 Chronicles stresses the importance of proper worship and that we need to be a people who worship from all aspects of our being.

#### Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=odesjpe3ji4>
2. Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new
3. Read the passages below and reflect on the questions, if meeting with a group share your answers together.

## Reading:

# 1 Chronicles 13:1-6 New International Version - UK

## Bringing back the ark

**13** David conferred with each of his officers, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds. <sup>2</sup> He then said to the whole assembly of Israel, 'If it seems good to you and if it is the will of the LORD our God, let us send word far and wide to the rest of our people throughout the territories of Israel, and also to the priests and Levites who are with them in their towns and pasture-lands, to come and join us. <sup>3</sup> Let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we did not enquire of it during the reign of Saul.' <sup>4</sup> The whole assembly agreed to do this, because it seemed right to all the people.

<sup>5</sup> So David assembled all Israel, from the River Shihor in Egypt to Lebo Hamath, to bring the ark of God from Kiriath Jearim. <sup>6</sup> David and all Israel went to Baalah of Judah (Kiriath Jearim) to bring up from there the ark of God the LORD, who is enthroned between the cherubim – the ark that is called by the Name. <sup>7</sup> They moved the ark of God from Abinadab's house on a new cart, with Uzzah and Ahio guiding it. <sup>8</sup> David and all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God, with songs and with harps, lyres, tambourines, cymbals and trumpets.

<sup>9</sup> When they came to the threshing-floor of Kidon, Uzzah reached out his hand to steady the ark, because the oxen stumbled. <sup>10</sup> The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he had put his hand on the ark. So he died there before God.

# 1 Chronicles 15:1-2 New International Version - UK

## The ark brought to Jerusalem

**15** After David had constructed buildings for himself in the City of David, he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it. <sup>2</sup> Then David said, 'No one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, because the LORD chose them to carry the ark of the LORD and to minister before him for ever.'

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## Questions for discussion

**Reflect on the message of the sermon using the following questions.**

**Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. Is it easy to go through the motions in worship?
3. Why would the writer stress the importance of reverence for the ark and the temple in Chronicles?
4. How would you describe worship?
5. What does it mean to love God with your "whole heart"?

## Prayer

Take some time to pray for the church, our local community and for you to know more of God in your daily walking with him.